

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2005, having a shortened statutory period set to expire June 30, 2005. In the present office action, Claims 18-19 and 24-31 are cancelled, Claim 15 is amended, and Claims 32-44 are added. Upon entry of the submitted amendment, Claims 15-17, 20-23 and 32-44 will now be pending.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicants note with appreciation that the Examiner has deemed that Claims 19 and 20 would be allowed if rewritten to incorporate all of their base and intervening claims. Claim 19 depended on Claim 18, which depended on independent Claim 15. Claim 20 depended on Claim 19. Therefore, the features of Claims 18 and 19 have been incorporated into independent Claim 15, and Claim 20 has been amended to depend on Claim 15.

Newly added Claims 32-37 are computer product claims that incorporate the same features of the allowable claims. Newly added Claims 38-44 are means-plus system claims that incorporate the same features as found in the allowable claims. Thus, Applicants request that these claims also be allowed.

CONCLUSION

Having now complied with the Examiner's suggestions, Applicants respectfully request a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

No extension of time for this response is believed to be necessary. However, in the event an extension of time is required, that extension of time is hereby requested. Please charge any fee associated with an extension of time as well as any other fee necessary to further the prosecution of this application to **IBM CORPORATION DEPOSIT ACCOUNT No. 09-0447**.

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